APPENDIX F THE RPA ACTION SUMMARY

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The FCRPS Biological Opinion RPA incorporates 199 actions aimed at protecting or improving the survival of listed salmon and steelhead stocks. The actions span a wide range of activities, including updating annual operations of the FCRPS, short- and long-term construction at FCRPS projects, early action offsite mitigation proposals, and research efforts aimed at gaining future improvements. Section 9.5.1.2 of the biological opinion calls for a major checkpoint on implementation at year 3. The following table lists the actions called for in the RPA and summarizes specific expectations for the 3-year check-in. The table includes a brief summary statement highlighting the particular question or questions associated with the actions that are the focus of the 3-year review. The categories in the table are as follows:

- Annual planning and operations consisting of the actions intended for annual implementation or that will be reported on through the process of developing and critiquing annual water management/facility operations plans.
- Key actions called for the biological opinion are scheduled for detailed review at the 3-year checkpoint. Actions that are assigned to this category generally reflect the types described in the midpoint check-in sections of the biological opinion: early implementation actions, major planning initiatives, key actions that dictate other actions, pilot studies aimed at providing essential information on the potential survival gains from particular types of actions, and studies aimed at key uncertainties (e.g., hatchery versus wild spawner effectiveness).
- Status updates are important projects that do not have a specific milestone identified for the 3-year check-in. The 3-year update for these projects will be a status review and/or decisions on future actions, scheduling priorities, and other such items.

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